30th October 1931]

Library grants to village panchayats.

* 320 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state whether the Government have passed any orders that library grants should not be disbursed to village panchayats for or from the year 1931–32, and if so, the reasons for them?

A.—No such orders have been passed. Owing to financial stringency, no provision has been made in the Civil Budget Estimates of the current year for grants to public libraries. It is not, therefore, possible to sanction grants either to village panchayats or to local bodies towards the maintenance of public libraries.

Museums

Latrine arrangements for the Museum and the Connemara Library.

* 321 *Q.*—Mr. M. S. Sreshta: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) what latrine arrangements have been made for the visitors to the Museum and the Connemara Library; and

(*b*) if there are not suitable arrangements now, whether steps will be taken to provide them early?

A.—(*a*) There is flush-out lavatory in the compound of the Museum for the use of visitors to the Museum and the Connemara Library. There is also, in the compound of the Victoria Technical Institute quite close to the Museum, a public lavatory which is open to visitors to the Museum.

(*b*) Does not arise.

[*N.B.*—For a further starred question please see page 97 infra.]

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Backward Communities

Ameliorative work for the benefit of the Viswabrahmans.

322 *Q.*—Pandit Ganala Ramamurti: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received copies of the resolutions passed in the several sessions of the Andhra Provincial Viswabrahmana Conferences which were convened under the auspices of the All-India Viswakarman Liberal Federation urging the Government to instruct the Labour Department to take up ameliorative work for Viswabrahmana community also; and

(*b*) what orders were passed by the Government on this request?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer given to clauses (*b*) and (*c*) of question No. 489 on 28th February 1931.